

Village of Los Lunas



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Village Expenditures Will Total \$50 Million

A new fiscal year began July 1 for the Village of Los Lunas, a year in which planned budgeted expenditures are anticipated to be \$50 million. These expenditures include capital outlay projects and additional staff.

A major capital outlay project currently underway is the Transportation Center located to the east of the New Mexico Rail Runner Station at the intersection of Juan Perea and Courthouse Roads.

In Fiscal Year 2007-08 \$2.2 million is allocated for this project which includes an auditorium. The building will house the Transportation and Technology Departments.

Other capital outlay expenditures include:

- Police units, \$92,290, and Wi-Fi connectivity for police cars, \$66,000.
- Mini pumper for the fire department, \$120,000, and renovation of the substation, \$100,000.
- Street improvements include Trujillo Road, \$517,250; Los Morros Business Park, \$2 million; and intersections on Main Street (also known as Highway 6), \$2.4 million.
- Park improvements include Little League Complex, \$449,285, and general park improvements, \$209,700. Also budgeted is park improvements from

collected park impact fees of \$630,000.

Budgeted in the Water/Sewer Fund is \$6 million for the first phase of rebuilding the waste water treatment plant. The total expense for this project is expected to be about \$12 million. Other expenditures in the water/sewer fund include a south loop water line, \$973,941, and south sewer line interceptor, \$7 million.

Expansion of the village transfer station, located on west Highway 6, is budgeted at \$500,000.

During early 2007 emergency dispatch centers in Valencia County were consolidated into one center located in the village administration building at Don Pasqual and Main Street. The budget includes \$600,000 for renovation of the facility.

New positions approved for the 2007-08 budget include:

- Police Department — two positions with the creation of a traffic unit.
- Fire Department — two firefighters/Emergency Medical Technicians.
- Parks — park ranger and parks laborer.
- Library — one library technician plus a part time to full position.
- Community Development will add a code enforcement officer and desktop computer technician.



Storm clouds accentuate the village's new Transportation Center going up to the east of the New

Mexico Rail Runner station at the intersection of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

Art Can Contest Winners Announced

For the third year in a row students in the Los Lunas schools participated in the Art Can Contest sponsored by the Keep Los Lunas Clean & Beautiful Program along with Los Lunas Schools' Partners in Education.

This year the contest took place at Los Lunas Schools Teacher Resource Center. The judges were Patricia Gaither, Josie Navarrette, Susan Castaneda, Ray John De Aragon and Marie Marquez.

The 55-gallon drums were donated by Wall Colm-oynoy which is in Los Morros Business Park.

The Art Can contest ranged from kindergarten through sixth grades. This year eight schools completed the cans by the deadline.

Art Can coordinator Marie Marquez said all students did a great job decorating the cans which will be placed at different locations throughout the Village.

Cans were judged on slogan, visual appearance, creativity, use of space, originality, color scheme and overall impression of art project

The winners were:

First Place – Ann Parish School – “Keep Your Scene Clean.”

Second Place – Daniel Fernandez Intermediate – “Life In the Nature Zone.”

Third Place – Los Lunas Elementary – “Make a Score – Put Trash In.”

Most Creative – Desert View Kindergarten Class – “No Litterbugs.”

Schools were given certificates for their participation and trophies were awarded to First, Second and Third place winners at Los Lunas School's Literacy

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administration Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Remaining meeting dates for 2007 are:

July 12 & 26 August 9 & 23

September 6 & 20 October 4 & 18

November 1 & 29 December 6 & 20

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

and Art Festival held at Los Lunas Middle School Courtyard. Village Councilwoman Cecilia CC Castillo handed out the awards to the winners.

Coldstone Ice Cream Shop of Los Lunas donated an ice cream cake for the kindergarten class Ice Cream Social.

Marie Marquez was also awarded a plaque in recognition for her wonderful work and selfless dedication to the students of LL Schools.

Also recognized were village staff members Adolph Lopez, Albert Duran, Jerome Chavez and Josie Navarrette for assisting in the project, Michael Jaramillo and the Parks and Recreation staff were thanked for priming the cans and getting them ready for the project.



**No Litterbugs by
Desert View
Kindergarten Class**

Cemetery Cleaned in June

The San Clemente Cemetery was the focus of the June clean up for the village, reported Marie Marquez.

Eight people serving Community Service time went to the cemetery and hoed, raked and cleaned up 26 bags of weeds.

Village employee David DeAnda and his staff removed the weeds from the site.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor
Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*
Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Nick Balido

Open House Features Rail Runner Station Land Use

A public open house was held at the library in early July to bring initial sketch concepts of a land use plan to the public for the area around the New Mexico Rail Runner station at the intersection of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

Information on current conditions in the station area, a summary of the market study used to create the plan, and conceptual transportation and circulation plans were discussed.

In communities across the country commuter rail stations serve as valuable community assets and provide a vibrant mix of businesses, public uses, and housing options and serve as focal points for residents and visitors alike.

The planning effort currently underway in Los Lunas is focusing on the area encompassing about one-half mile around the Rail Runner station – the area that is generally considered walking distance.

The effort is expected to result in a plan that will encourage people to walk to the station from existing and new housing and commercial uses; address parking and vehicular traffic in the station area; identify new land uses; and identify design features and building types that will advance the Village's vision and goals.

Comments will be accepted through out the planning

process and will be used to develop and refine land use concepts that will be presented in future public meetings.

The Mid-Region Council of Governments, which is assisting the village with the planning activities, is coordinating similar efforts in the Town of Bernalillo and near the Bernalillo County / International Sunport station.

For more information on the project please call Tony Sylvester at 724-3635 or visit www.mrcog-nm.gov/transit_oriented_development.htm.



Solar Collector Bill Amends Solar Rights Act

One of the initiatives passed by the 2007 New Mexico Legislature to help the state move forward in clean energy was the Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions Bill. The bill amended sections of the Solar Rights Act of 1978.

The Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions Bill amendments were established through the enactment of House Bill 611 and Senate Bill 1031, sponsored by Representative Mimi Stewart and Senator Phil Griego, respectively.

The purpose of the Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions amendments to the existing Solar Rights Act are to prohibit municipalities from passing ordinances or codes and homeowner's associations from passing covenants that forbid solar installations, with the exception of historic districts.

The amendments to the Solar Rights Act were effective upon New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson's approval of the legislation in March 2007 and are retroactive to July 1, 1978.

More information on Solar Collector Definitions and Restrictions Bill amendments and the Solar Rights Act, are available on the following computer links: House Bill 611, Senate Bill 1031, Solar Rights Act [Sections 47-3-1 to -5 NMSA 1978] and Your Solar Rights.

Ryan Helton of the Energy Conservation and Management Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department can also answer questions. He is available by calling 505 476-3318.

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VILLAGE WEBSITE**
www.loslunasnm.gov

WANTED Los Lunas Police Officers

The Los Lunas Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

Minimum requirements are:

- At least 21 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- No domestic violence or felony convictions
- No DWI convictions during the last 7 years
- Be able to pass a physical agility and written test

Certified officers are preferred but the village accepts non-certified applications.

Certified officers start at \$13.26 per hour on probation. Uncertified start at \$12.25 per hour.

Benefits include 100% insurance, 50% dental, annual and sick leave accrued on a monthly basis, 11 paid holidays with 20 and 22 year retirement plans.

There's more – bike patrol, criminal investigations, community policing, traffic enforcement, and S.W.A.T. as well as educational opportunities.

Pick up your application at the Los Lunas Police Department located in the Village Administration Building, Don Pasqual and Main Street Monday through Friday 8 AM through 4 PM.

Applications are being accepted until all positions are filled so now is your opportunity to help the citizens of Los Lunas while doing something you may have always dreamed of.

And remember – the Los Lunas Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.



Business Licenses Issued

The following were issued businesses licenses since the last newsletter published business licenses. All phone numbers are area code 505 unless otherwise noted.

A & J Mobile Services 865-6738
AC Hand Crafted Gifts 565-8237
April Perez 315-7626
Auto Pal 889-2829
B & B A Running Stitch 363-9844
B & B Heating and Cooling, LLC 345-0427
Back Door Emporium 866-5446
Botas Zuniga 573-7129
Brownlee Broadcasting Company 227-1957
B'S Mobile Wash 710-0461
Building Automation & Controls, Inc. 220-1611
Carmen's Ice Cream
Casa de Pizza & Video of Los Lunas 865-7575
Casa Salaz 866-4466
Chance Construction Co. (409) 787-2615

Christina Welz 850-9257
Clear Water Well Drilling 865-0259
Coronado Company 331-6466
D & H Pump Services, Inc. 342-2024
Elegant at Home Window Fashions 866-0478
Esa Construction 884-2171
Folders Plus 304-3502
George Baca 203-9619
Grill More 459-8877
Hope S. Romo 565-8114
Hughes Enterprises 610-6823
Jeannie Hanawalt 815-9760
Joseph E. Mills, Inc. 865-5669
Joylene Sanchez 304-2043
KEBR Consulting, LLC 865-9228
Laura C. Trujillo 550-3261
Liste de Technologies, LLC 918-2545
M.A. Chavez Ent. 565-9612
Mares Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc. 867-9805

Maria Darst, Slp 550-5574
Matthew Norman Surveying Company 865-2869
Medina Cleaning 565-3635
Pacheco Painting & Services 319-9679
Panda Express #1479
Pelican Enterprises 865-6519
Perez Ice Cream Vending 452-9666
Redbox (630) 756-8000
Rocky Mountain Motors 615-9437
S & R Fugitive Recovery Services 865-5330
Sam's 550-1770
Schwan's Home Service, Inc. 858-0346
Skin Graphic Tattoos 440-8165
Star Cleaning USA 261-1271
The Glove Lady 620-2844
The Home Depot At-Home Service (770) 779-1423
The New Beginnings, LLC 565-2528
The Wild Mustang Steakhouse 565-1532
Van's Courier & Delivery Service 884-4389
Vivian Rodriguez 730-0199

Improvements Scheduled

A number of road improvements will start this summer in the village.

As part of the NM Department of Transportation Co-op Funding, the following will be worked on:

Mesa Loop, Amber Circle, Roberts Court and Fernandez Street will be repaved with other improvements made to these road.

Trujillo Road will be repaved, a sidewalk added and the curve reduced.

Canal Boulevard will be straightened out with the extension of Redondo Court.

Preliminary plans have been developed for widening the intersections of Main Street and Highway 314 as well as Main Street and Los Lentos.

The \$3.98 million contract for the installation of the Morris Road lift station has been awarded. The sewer line will cross Interstate 25, head east on Morris Road where it will serve the new Valencia County Courthouse and then proceed to the wastewater treatment plant.

There will also be an 18-inch water line extended along Morris Road.

Meter System Is News

The Village's new water meter reading system made the Internet news with an article on Water Online.

"Water utility customers of Los Lunas are on course to reap the benefits of FlexNet, a technically advanced meter reading systems," says the article.

"This advanced technology, offered by Sensus Metering Systems, is a perfect match for the sophisticated infrastructure and progressive thinking of this New Mexico city and its water officials."

Water Online is available at www.wateronline.com.

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2007 GARBAGE PICKUP DAYS



The remaining 2007 special pickup days are:

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
Labor Day	Monday Sept. 3	Friday, Aug. 31
Columbus Day	Monday Oct. 8	Friday Oct. 5
Veterans Day	Monday Nov. 12	Friday Nov. 9
Thanksgiving Day after	Thursday Nov. 22	Wednesday Nov. 21
Thanksgiving	Friday Nov. 23	Monday Nov. 26
Christmas		
Holiday	Tuesday Dec. 25	Wednesday Dec. 26
New Year's	Tuesday Jan. 1 2008	Wednesday Jan. 2 2008

Community Tidbits

Are you being careful when you water so you don't waste our precious commodity? Water your plants, not the pavement.

Notice graffiti? Report it to the Village Parks and Recreation Department at 352-3584.

Safety should be the Number One Priority for everyone. That means driving safely so be sure you're concentrating on your driving, not your makeup, lunch or cell phone

The village is a great community. Show your respect for our community by treating it properly.